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SUBJECT: ALEXANDRIA PORT BERTHING PRIORITY

1. ALEXANDRIA PORT AUTHORITY GENERAL MANAGER TOLD CONGEN OFFICER 19 FEBRUARY THAT GENERAL CARGO SHIPS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCORDED "LINER OR CONFERENCE SERVICE" PREFERENCE IN BERTHING. PREVIOUSLY, BERTHING PRIORITY OFTEN GIVEN SHIPS WITH CONFERENCE CREDENTIALS. THIS LED TO "UNACCEPTABLE" SITUATION IN WHICH TRAMP SHIPS OBTAINED NOMINAL, SHORT-TERM AFFILIATION WITH CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO CIRCUMVENT LONG QUEUE OUTSIDE ALEXANDRIA HARBOR. RESULT WAS MAD SCRAMBLE AMONG SHIPPERS TO "RENT" PRIORITY DOCKING RIGHTS. HENCEFORTH, GENERAL CARGO SHIPS MUST AWAIT TURN FOR BERTH BASED SOLELY ON REPORTING PRIORITY OUTSIDE ALEXANDRIA HARBOR.

2. THERE NOW OVER 60 GENERAL CARGO SHIPS AWAITING BERTH AT ALEXANDRIA. WAITING TIME FOR LARGER SHIPS AVERAGING 12-15 DAYS, SLIGHTLY LESS FOR SMALLER VESSELS. PORT AUTHORITY GENERAL MANAGER DOES NOT EXPECT SITUATION TO EASE FOR AT LEAST TWO MONTHS.

3. NEW "BY-THE-NUMBERS" POLICY OF BERTHING DOES NOT AFFECT BONA FIDE PL 480 SHIPMENTS, WHICH PORT OFFICIALS SAY WILL

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